

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**PATENT**

Applicant(s):	Kei MURAKOSHI	Docket No.:	49288.3400
Serial No.:	10/597,790	Group Art Unit:	1797
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Title:	CARBON NANOTUBE STRUCTURE-SELECTIVE SEPARATION AND SURFACE FIXATION	Confirmation No.:	6386

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner For Patents  
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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 17, 2009, of which this Reply is filed within the one month shortened statutory period for reply, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.